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Pulpit Supplies for the Summer.

Deacons Neal, Mallory and Raymond, comprising our Pulpit Committee, have provided a most interesting program for the summer.

DR. BUTLER.

The good attendance Sunday, July 1, was a tribute to the great popularity of Dr. Butler as a preacher. He is one of the foremost educators of our country to-day, and his message is always weighty with words of wisdom.

DR. SOARES.

July 8 it was our privilege to hear Dr. Theodore G. Soares, Ph.D., D.D., whom Dr. Harper selected for the Chair of Homiletics in the Divinity School of the University of Chi-

teacher of young men during the transitional period of the present day.

Dr. Soares gave up the Oak Park Church for the classroom at the university where ministers are equipped, but he could not give up the pulpit if he had desired, for he is in constant demand to supply the pulpits of the strongest churches. For a number of weeks he has been preaching to a crowded house every Sunday in Milwaukee.

REV. R. M. VAUGHAN.

The preacher for July 15th is well known in Chicago, having been assistant pastor at the First Church during his student days at the University of Chicago. He is now the successful pastor of the church at Janesville, Wis., which has grown to be a strong church under his able leadership. Besides his work as a pastor and preacher Mr. Vaughan is a writer of considerable ability, contributing to the *Standard* each week an extended exposition of the International Lessons. Pastor Vaughan is always welcome at the First Church.

REV. BYRON H. DEMENT, D.D.

The preacher for July 22d is unknown to most of our people and to the writer. He is taking work at the university this summer and next fall begins his work as professor of Sunday School Pedagogy and Systematic Theology in the Louisville Seminary. At a recent meeting of the Baptist Ministers' Conference he was presented with the title of D.D. by the pastor of the Second Church on behalf of the seminary.

DR. GEORGE B. EAGER.

The supply for July 29 is an instructor also, and, like Dr. Dement, has just been honored with a degree. Georgetown College, Kentucky, has conferred the degree of LL.D. on Dr. Eager, of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

REV. ALLAN HOBEN, PH.D.

The pastor of the First Church, Detroit, Mich., preaches for us August 5, morning and evening. Mr. Hoben is a graduate of our divinity school, where he distinguished himself as a student. Mr. Hoben has a message for young people, and it is hoped that all our young men and young women will be present, especially on Sunday

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ago. He is a preacher with a message for the modern man; a progressive conservative of the most pronounced type. He is eminently a safe

evening.

The supply for August 12th cannot be announced at present as it is learned that Dr. Kirtley cannot be with us.

It will be a pleasure to have the pastor, Dr.

De Blois, with us August 19th, and we do need to urge all who are in the city to be present.

On August 26th it will be our privilege to hear Dr. Gray, of the Moody Institute.



The Church at Work.

Sunday School.

BY WEBSTER TOMLINSON.

"Vacation time" is made evident by the decreased attendance at Sunday School—that blue line on the wall chart which indicates the number present each Sunday shows a low curve for the summer months, and it has already begun to drop down. One can very easily tell, by the ups and downs of that line, what has been the state of weather on any given Sunday. While the average attendance this year has not varied much, if any, from that of 1905, how happy it would make the officers of the school if only those who remained in town would not take a "vacation" from Sunday School, but would come and help "hold the line" during the summer when so many are away. All honor to those who are faithful when to be so means a sacrifice of personal comfort and desire. How gratifying, too, would it be if those, especially the teachers, who do go away for a pleasant time, would remember the home school and send back a thought—yes, a "picture postal" would be a delightful way to send it, and you may be sure the officers will be glad to tack it up where it can be seen. Address it to the superintendent of your department, care of First Baptist Church Sunday School, Thirty-first Street and South Park Avenue, and let us see whether the intermediate or primary is represented in the largest number of places this summer. Of course, the ideal way to show that you remember the school, when you are away, is to send a substitute to fill your chair—whether you are a scholar or teacher—especially so if you are the latter. *Don't forget your attendance certificate* when you attend elsewhere. Your record will be counted when the attendance badges are given out.

The picnic at Glenwood Park, on June 16th, was a success so far as enjoyment went. The committee picked out a perfect day and arranged everything else to contribute to a good time, unmarred by any accident. The financial report is not yet complete—there will be some shortage beyond what was expected, as our picnics are not intended to be moneymakers, but a treat to the scholars.

The athletic contests were won by the following members:

1. Race for boys under 10 years; won by Robert Gisel.
2. Race for boys under 16 years; won by Richard Hiney.
3. Race for girls under 12 years; won by Cornelia Buchlow.
4. Race for

boys over 16 years; won by E. Rydberg.

Race for girls over 12 years; won by May Martin.

6. Three-legged race; won by Leslie Lumley and John Emslie.

7. Standing broad jump; won by Thomas Miller.

8. High jump, boys under 16 years; won by Raymond Wilken.

9. High jump, boys over 16 years; won by S. Gardner.

10. "Dead Dog" race; won by Herbert Olson.

11. Baseball throw, girls; won by Josephine Manfroi.

INTERMEDIATE DEPARTMENT.

During July Miss Van Fleet will teach the combined classes consisting of the Normal and Young Ladies' Guild classes.

Miss Hazel Goss, of the Normal Class, will be away for the summer, and Miss Bertha Anderson, of the same class, has returned to her home in Bronson, Mich. Miss Elizabeth Ralston is another whose removal to the North Side will decrease the membership of this class.

Miss Laura Hale has returned from a visit to Detroit.

This month will take from us one of our efficient workers in the person of Miss Marian Adelle Pickett, who is soon to become Mrs. Richard Randolph Chamberlin, and reside in another city. Her many friends in the First Baptist Sunday School wish her showers of blessings and a happy future.

Many of our scholars have recently completed the work of the grammar school and graduated. We have reason to be proud of the excellent work done by them. Of those of whom we have heard, mention might be made of Nellie Kirkpatrick, of Miss Stella Lyman's class, who took the Foster Diploma in the Douglas School, for ranking highest in scholarship, deportment and attendance in the graduating class.

Harold Lumley, of Dr. Gale's class, won the Lawson Medal for the best essay on "Patriotism," in the same school.

Temple Williams, member of the Lorimer Baca Class, "when he is at home," graduated from the Lake Forest Academy with honors as the winner of the Arthur Summerville Reid

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scholarship medal. Next year he enters Williams College.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT.

A new candidate for our Cradle Roll arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William S. Baird on June 28th. His name is Donald. Mrs. Baird formerly taught in the Intermediate Department.

Another name which we would like to see on our Cradle Roll—perhaps as a “non-resident” member—is that of Kent Watson Parker, born June 21, 1906, and son of Rev. and Mrs. Frederick C. W. Parker, now of the Tremont Temple Baptist Church, of Boston, but in loving esteem still counted one with us.

The Cradle Roll now has fourteen names, so Miss Mary Green, who has charge of it, reports.

During July and August the Primary and Junior Primary (Infant Class) will meet together. General opening and closing exercises will be held, and the lesson will be taught from the platform during July by Mrs. Lumley.

Mrs. Thomas, superintendent of the Junio Primary, has gone to Michigan for the summer.

Mrs. Hamlin and daughter, Mildred, are also away for the summer.

Miss Ida Witte will go to her home in St. Louis.

HOME DEPARTMENT OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The past quarter has been one of many changes in the Home Department, some of which we are sorry to have to record and some of which are very hopeful for the work of the department. Among the former has been the resignation of several of the visitors of the department, who have, by their faithfulness, been especially helpful in times past. These were Mrs. C. F. Harvey, Mrs. Augusta Jones, Mrs. J. E. Steele, Mrs. T. Wilken, Mrs. W. R. Raymond, Mrs. D. R. Leland and Mrs. J. J. Lindman. New visitors to take the vacant places have been secured and thus the work somewhat redivided. Those who have thus responded to the call for workers are Mrs. H. F. Googins, Mrs. W. H. Gale, Miss Daisy Marx, Miss Mary Green, Mrs. F. E. Durfee and Mrs. Mary Duffy, with others coming.

A partial canvass has been made for new members of the department, with gratifying success, considering the time of year and the extent of the canvass. Below we give a summary of the condition of the department for the quarter.

Number on list at beginning of quarter...	128
New members received during quarter...	24
Lost by removal, 6; by death, 1.....	7
Resigned, 4; joined main school, 2.....	6
Total present membership.....	139
Number members who reported.....	57
Number visits to main school.....	3

Number who studied every lesson.....	3
Number who studied only part of the lessons.....	21
Whole number lessons studied.....	22
Average per member reporting.....	535
Amount contributed	13
Average per member contributing.....	\$17.89
Average per member contributing.....	0.43

Net increase in membership over last quarter, 11, or 11.6 per cent.; expense during quarter, \$10.18, besides \$7 paid to Sunday School treasurer.

R. R. KENNAN,
Superintendent.

CHILDREN'S DAY.

The Children's Day observance this year was one of the best our church has ever witnessed. The decorations were unusually elaborate, and much credit is due Miss Lingle and her helpers for the charming effect produced.

The program consisted of Scripture recitations concerning Jesus and the children, and appropriate music rendered by the departments of the school, the girls' choirs from the Intermediate and Primary departments, the young ladies' quartette and a chorus of children from the Chinese mission. The offering of the day was devoted to the work of the Chinese mission. The young ladies of the Girls' Fidelity acted as ushers.

REPORT OF CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL VISITORS.

	MAY.
Calls made	137
Letters written	22
Postals written	59
Services attended	22
Committee meetings	6
Teachers' meetings	1
Bible lessons given	3
Garments given away	36

	JUNE.
Calls made	115
Letters written	2
Postals written	74
Services attended	19
Committee meetings	2
Bible lessons given	3
Garments given away	40

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SOCIETY.

MARY A. MARX

During the month of June the society has elected a new staff of officers and committee chairmen for the coming six months, and has begun a series of open-air meetings, to be held during July and August at the Thirty-first Street entrance of the church on Monday evenings.

The newly-elected officers are:

Miss Elizabeth Pickett, president; Mr. Robert Leland, vice-president; Miss Kathryn Weinland, recording secretary; Miss Mary Marx, corresponding secretary; Miss Sylvia Bucklin, treas-

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uer; Miss Frances Googins, junior superintendent; Miss Van Fleet, advanced junior superintendent; Mr. Cassius Williamson, Intermediate superintendent.

The committee chairmen are:

Mr. Robert Leland, Missionary Committee; Miss Florence Huskey, Lookout Committee; Mr. Arthur Rhenisch, Prayer Meeting Committee; Miss Frances Huskey, Social Committee; Miss Clara Stowell, Good Literature Committee; Mr. Fred Wolters, Yoke-Fellows Committee; Miss Daisy Marx, Sunday School Committee; Miss Mabel Moors, Music Committee; Miss Christine MacFadden, Finance Committee.

The society has been honored by the election of three of its members to places on the staff of the South Division Christian Endeavor Union. Mr. Robert Leland has been elected vice-president, Miss Christine MacFadden assistant secretary, and Miss Florence Huskey chairman of the Devotional Committee.

There have been four open-air meetings so far, and the society has every reason to feel encouraged and to go into the work with a vim and determination greater than ever before. A great blessing has come in the aid that Dr. McLaren, an accomplished violiniste, has been giving us, and will continue to give, we hope. The first night the weather was so cool as to allow for only a short song service outside the church, but the other meetings have been favored with good weather, the crowds gathered have been good, and we have had an excellent speaker in Mr. Kennan. There should be a larger number in the chorus, and we need a tenor or soprano singer to help in quartet, duet or solo work. We earnestly request any one who can help in any way to join us in these Monday evening meetings.

WOMEN'S MISSION CIRCLE.

MRS. S. B. LINGLE.

The June meeting of the Mission Circle was held on the 8th. The return of our president after weeks of absence, the presence of our guests from the training school and Raymond Chapel, the delightful entertainment provided by our Social Committee all contributed to make the occasion a pleasant one.

Of the eighty-eight present thirty-two were students about to graduate from the Missionary Training School. It is always an inspiration to listen to these new recruits, so full of hope and eager, longing for work in this needy world. Three students under appointment by the Woman's Home Mission Society were introduced. Miss Morgan represented the large number of our own American girls, Miss Sorenson the Scandinavian, and Miss Palacius the Spanish-speaking people. She will go to Porto Rico, where just such a worker is needed for work already begun.

Three students under appointment by the Women's Foreign Missionary Society of the West were then introduced, all to be sent to China. Miss Edith G. Traver will be associated with Miss Sollomon in Swatow, in a school for Bible women; Miss Helen M. Rawlings goes to school

work in Huchow, and Miss Barbara A. Ross will go to Kiehyang to prepare for evangelistic work. She will be with Dr. Bixby in her hospital.

Miss Blanche Loveridge, the foreign secretary of the W. B. F. M. Society of the West, gave the central thought from the three recent missionary meetings. She said, in Nashville, the emphasis was placed on the evangelization of the world in this generation; in Denver, individual work for the individual; in Dayton, personal nearness to God, the great need in missionary work. The music of the afternoon was a quartet and duet, furnished by the school, and a duet by Mr. and Mrs. Kennan, all of which were greatly enjoyed.

The social hour which followed the program afforded an opportunity for acquaintance, and a word of farewell before the adjournment for the summer.

The next meeting of the Circle will be on October 12th.

PERSONAL.

The Lorimer Baraca Bible Class is organizing a baseball team under the leadership of Mr. Merrifield. The boys play the Longwood team of Normal Park, near the big trees in the center of Washington Park, Saturday afternoon, July 7th.

"Enclosed find subscription for CHURCH LIFE. I think it has about expired, and I desire to continue taking it, as I find it very interesting."—W. A. WILSON, Springfield, Ill.

Mrs. James McElroy and daughter, Mrs. John H. Leslie, and Miss Alma Leslie, left on June 21st for Wellesley Female College, Wellesley, Mass., to attend the commencement exercises there and the graduation of their granddaughter and daughter, Miss Florence E. Dodson. They expect to return via steamer from Buffalo, N. Y., around the lakes and stop off at Harbor Springs and Bay View, Mich., returning home about August 1st.

Johnston Myers speaks at Raymond during the "Week of Refreshing."

Dr. Ford, of the Englewood Church, is one of the speakers at Raymond this week.

Help in the chorus at Raymond during the "Season of Refreshing" if you can sing. Bring your violin or other instrument if you can play.

For the summer the quartet will give way to Dr. Williams' whose bass solos are most popular.

The open air meetings on Monday evenings at the north side of the church are attracting crowds of people who never come to our regular services. Your presence at these meetings will be a great help.

Offer your services as a supply teacher in the Sunday School to Mr. Barrows.

Why not go over and help in the special meetings at Raymond, beginning July 8th, and continuing through the week.

Dr. De Blois has made fourteen addresses before colleges and high schools. He is to lecture at nine Chautauquas during the summer. He delivers the closing address at the great Omaha convention of the B. Y. P. U.

A week of refreshing at Raymond Chapel this week.

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THE JOURNAL OF THE CHURCH.

BY R. R. KENNAN.

June 1, Friday.—Christian Endeavor Meeting. Subject, "Faith: What It is, What It Does." Leader, Mr. Arthur Rhenisch. The Ladies' Benevolent Society had a tea in the afternoon.

June 3, Sunday.—Sermon by the pastor. Topics, "Life's Measure" and "Men We Don't Like to Meet."

June 4, Monday.—The last regular meeting of the Amoret Henson Guild for the season.

June 5, Tuesday.—The Girl's Fidelity met for its last supper for the season.

June 6, Wednesday.—Mid-week prayer meeting. Topic, "A Ministering Church."

June 8, Friday.—The Women's Mission Circle held its last meeting for the season. The students of the Missionary Training School were present, and Miss Loveridge, of the W. B. F. M. I. of the West, spoke. Various graduates of the school were introduced and spoke. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "Christ's Life; What He Expects of Us."

June 10, Sunday.—Children's Day program by the Sunday School in place of the morning service. Evening sermon by the pastor. Topic, "A Word to the Discouraged." Baptism in the evening.

June 11, Monday.—The Lorimer Baraca gave

a social for the young men of the congregation. The first open-air meeting of the summer was held at the Thirty-first Street entrance of the church.

June 13, Wednesday.—Mid-week prayer meeting. E. Tennyson Smith, of England, was president and gave an interesting temperance address.

June 15, Friday.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "The Glorified Life."

June 16, Saturday.—Sunday School picnic at Glenwood Park.

June 17, Sunday.—Sermon in the morning by the pastor. Topic, "The Law of Kingly Souls." Sermon in the evening by Rev. W. W. Everts, D.D., of Boston.

June 18, Monday.—Open-air meeting. Mr. Embree and Dr. de Blois spoke.

June 20, Wednesday.—Prayer meeting. Topic, "Brotherly Love the Secret of Church Power."

June 22, Friday.—Meeting of the District Committees. Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "Missionary Meeting."

June 24, Sunday.—Sermons by the pastor. Morning sermon on "The Life Beautiful," addressed to the graduates of the Missionary Training School. Evening topic, "The Voices Amid the Silences." Baptism in the evening.

June 25, Monday.—Open-air meeting. Mr. Kennan spoke.

June 27, Wednesday.—Prayer meeting. Topic, "The Joy of Service."

June 29, Friday.—Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "Humility, the Foundation Virtue."

CHANGES IN ADDRESSES.

Miss Mary I. Lewis, 3415 Forest Avenue.

Miss Mabel Irene Turck, 3145 South Park Avenue.

Mrs. S. V. Storms, 183 East Thirty-sixth Street.

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E. Morton Storms, 183 East Thirty-sixth Street.

Harry Storms, 183 East Thirty-sixth Street.

Herbert Storms, 183 East Thirty-sixth Street.

Miss Lilith Storms, 183 East Thirty-sixth Street.

Mrs. A. A. Polglase, 5944 Aberdeen Street.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP.

ADDITIONS.

By Baptism:

Miss Eva Kinold, 3151 South Park Avenue.

Thomas H. Young, 683 East Forty-third Street.

DIMINUTIONS.

By Letter:

George C. Arthur.

Mrs. G. C. Arthur.

Not until you make men self-reliant, intelligent, and fond of struggle—fonder of struggle than of help—not till then have you relieved poverty.—*Phillips Brooks*,

AN IMPORTANT FACTOR.

What relation has the church to the public conscience? Some people say it has none. Others say it has a very close and vital relation. It is true that many of the persons who have become involved recently in transactions, public and private, that are a scandal to a civilized community, are identified with the church. But it is also true that the various reformatory movements in our political, social, and financial life have back of them men and women who are likewise identified with the church.

The fact is that the attitude of the church—that is, of Christian people—toward any evil soon becomes the attitude of the best elements of the community toward it. When the church is tolerant of evil sin abounds everywhere; but when the church marshals its forces in opposition the evil is uprooted, and the community is cleansed. Sin exists in its grosser forms in any place largely because the church in that place is willing that it should. What chance, for instance, has the saloon to flourish when the Christian sentiment is organized into unrelenting opposition? None whatever. Nor has any form of public or private unrighteousness a chance for its life when the conscience of the church is thoroughly aroused and its energies are in hostile array.

The church, then, is responsible, in a very large degree, for public morals. An eminent judge of the federal courts declared a few days ago that "the world has never been so honest, so just, so upright, in spite of the disclosures constantly being made. We are far ahead of the England of a century ago, when the esteemed William Pitt, according to history, divided the public purse with his colleague. We are told the press is bridled. But in the time of Washington, Jefferson, and Hamilton we can find proofs of bribery which would make us blush for shame. There never was a time when every man was so willing to let his fellow man have his just dues. The insurance scandals are scandals because the public conscience is so alive. Twenty years ago, ten years ago, these would have passed unnoticed. The world is on the way to a higher and better public conscience."

All of which is probably true; and if so, there is good reason why righteous men should rejoice and take courage. But one reason why this improved condition exists, in spite of many facts that seem to indicate the contrary, is that the church of the living God is truer to the high ideals of its Founder than ever before.

This is not saying that the church is perfect. By no means. Nor that there is not much to be done before the church can free itself entirely from deserved criticism. But it is saying that much is being done by the church to give practical and universal application to the lofty principles of its Founder. And it is saying, too,

that the church is the only institution that is doing it. As this eminent judge says: The church is the disciplinarian of the public conscience; and it is doing a great work in taking men to the fountain head of public conscience. It is feel that he is not living for himself alone, but is linked with eternity.—*Herald*.

MAKE FOR THE LIGHT.

A great musician—Schumann—said once, with reference to the development of his art: "A rosy light is dawning in the sky; whence it cometh I know not; but in any case, O youth, make for the light!"

Yes, make for the light! But one must be sure that it is the right light he is making for. Not long ago a steamer was wrecked and many lives were lost. The captain made for the light—but it was the wrong light. The mistake was expensive of life and property. Kate Marsden while traveling in Siberia, so says *The Guild*, cold, hungry, and weary with long riding in the sledge, begged the driver one evening "to make for some lights which she saw in the distance, thinking that warmth, food, and rest might be obtainable. 'What lights, madam?' asked the driver. 'Those, yonder,' replied the benumbed traveler, pointing to a certain direction. 'Lights? They're wolves!'"

And so a great many lights along the way of life are of that kind. The streets of the city are brilliant and enticing with them. They light the way to perdition. Don't make for them! A lighthouse is a warning as well as a guide. On a dangerous coast it flashes, "Keep away." When it marks the safe channel it says, "Enter, and welcome." There may be false lights along the shore. We must be sure, therefore, it is the right light we are making for!

We cannot go astray if it be the Light that lighteth every man that cometh into the world. That Light never led anyone to destruction. This is the Light of which it can be said, "They looked unto him and were lightened, and their faces were not ashamed." This is the Light that scatters darkness of mind, of heart, of soul, and makes the life sweet and clean and radiant with wholesome presence. This is the Light that reveals truth; that instills love; that develops strength; that brings forth beauty; that makes gentleness, sympathy, meekness, brotherly kindness, joy, peace—and all other graces of the Spirit to take root, bloom, and bear abundant fruit in the heart and life

Make for the light, O youth. But be sure that the rosy light that is dawning in your sky is that streaming in richness and glory from the Sun of Righteousness. If it is not, turn your back upon it; and stay not in your quest until you have found the true Light, even the Light of the World.—*Herald*.

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ON BEING ONE'S SELF.

JOHN ROACH STRATON, D. D.

How happy is he born or taught,
That serveth not another's will;
Whose armor is his honest thought
And simple truth his utmost skill."

—Sir Henry Wotton.

It has been said that "imitation is the sincerest flattery." It is also the surest means to soul suicide.

To each man God has given a distinctive individuality. Locked up within it are latent potentialities for all but infinite growth and usefulness. This individuality is given us for cultivation and development up to the limit of its possibilities. To play the traitor to it by neglect is a high crime. It is disaster—it is tragedy. I have somewhat that no other has, has ever had, will ever have. I am a trustee of a high estate. It is mine to improve. And well I may understand that there is a destined mission for it when improved. There are in every man latent talents and possibilities which are new, which he alone possesses, and whose powers none but he can ever know, nor he until he has tried them. There is a best possible self for each one of us—and the great business of life is to struggle onward, and upward toward that better self. We are to erect an individual ideal. We are to turn away from what we immediately and presently are, and lift up our eyes to behold afar off what it is possible for us to be and do. I am not to be another, and I am not to be less than my full stature. I am to become my best possible self. Education in its truest sense is merely better preparation for this self-realization. It is not an end, but a process, and, from the cradle to the grave, this advancement toward a better self should go on.

SELF-DEVELOPMENT.

This struggle upward everyone owes as a high duty to himself. Egotism is bad, but egotism is good. I owe it to myself, my fellows and my God to strive manfully for self-mastery and self-realization in order to self-manifestation in service. Selfishness is pernicious, but self-fullness is greatly to be desired. The spur of a right ambition is a great and laudable thing. Nothing already ours should bring us a false contentment. We must ever be shouting, "Excelsior!" The goal of each yesterday must be the starting point of today. A man satisfied with self is a man ready for the grave. We must not rest on any past achievement. Progress is living movement—and we must go forward or die.

There is, then, for each of us a best possible self, and we owe our ideal a sacred duty. As the individual develops himself along his divinely appointed lines, he grows in power and stature. He becomes more and more. His vision enlarges, his soul expands, his mind unfolds, his capacities for enjoyment and achievement mature, and he becomes greater even than his dream.

It is not for me, therefore, to be some other

man. I am here to become my best possible self. To surrender the high purpose to attain my ideal means shipwreck to my soul. The thought of Emerson on the use of books is applicable here. Said he, "I had better never see a book than to be warped by its attractions clear out of my own orbit and made a satellite instead of a system."

A FAULT OF PREACHERS.

There is too much of imitation today. There are too many satellites, too few systems. This imitation we find particularly among speakers—and more particularly among preachers. No sooner does a Sam Jones arise, than we have a crop of wood-be Sams ad infinitum and ad nauseam. Perhaps one of the most excruciating experiences which a sensitive soul has to undergo is to hear some imitation Sam Jones slinging around his "Bud" and "Sis" and "Flop-eared hound," as nearly like the original as possible.

To every great preacher there is this crop of imitators. The pupils of Spurgeon are said to have aped his very gait. It is a current tradition of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary that many who studied under the great Broadus became his servile imitators. Even the peculiar droop of the dear doctor's shoulders was carefully copied by the youth who imagined himself a second Broadus. He was not content to be a Smith or Jones and to make that name a classic by his growth into greatness. No, he must abrogate his own birth-right—God save the mark!—and, regardless of the nerves of his fellows, become a Broadus! No doubt this is the "sincerest flattery," but it also means stagnation and death to the better possibilities of the one who copies.

AN ILLUSTRATION FROM TEXAS.

While living in Texas I saw a striking illustration. There is in that state a most brilliant, earnest and powerful young preacher. He seems to carry with him the very spirit of his God. His life of consecration and devotion has given him marvelous power, and God is honoring his efforts in a great way. But, unfortunately, the usual allotment of imitators is springing up. A short time ago I had the privilege of attending a series of revival services conducted by a visiting brother. This brother was himself a man of splendid promise and power. So long as he was himself it was a joy and an inspiration to hear him. But he had become almost a satellite. He was not content to wait until he could develop into a system of his own. He was an imitator of the much beloved brother above referred to. He represented the most peculiar combination that I have ever seen of a native style nipped in the bud, and the manners and methods of another grafted in upon it. He was a sort of oratorical Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde. In parts of his sermon he would be himself, and there was power; but presently, especially during the exhortations and gestures, the incisive way of making a proposition, the pressing of soul-searching questions, the peculiarly powerful emphasizing of certain words and phrases by repetition of them with longer quantity on the vowels, the manly toss of the head, even the

characteristic pronunciation of certain of the vowel sounds—every mannerism, natural and powerful in the original brother—was here imitated, until, at times, one almost imagined that the other man was there before one's eyes. These peculiarities, through which the Holy Spirit moved with persuasive power in the original, were here a veritable mockery, because they were hollow and unreal. They came from without and not from within. It was apparent that the speaker was not expressing himself in his own way. He was trying to give out himself through the modes of expression characteristic of another, and the net result vibrated between the humorous and pathetic in a most tantalizing manner. A man can be himself and make a fairly good out at it. He cannot be another man and succeed with the job.

After one of those meetings, the inquiry was made of a keen-witted little woman how she liked the preacher. Her reply was, that she "liked the him part very well, but that she did not like the George Truett variations at all."

A STUDENT IMITATOR.

A short time after that I attended a student's prayer meeting. Here, once more, another younger brother was an embryo Truett. The same gestures, the same style, even down to the finest shade of the tone color in "e's" and "r's" were imitated and dovetailed in with the natural manners of the young brother, until, in the light of the former experience, it was positively laughable. His imitation was not altogether conscious, perhaps, yet the young man had been so swept off of his feet by the power of the other soul that he had begun to surrender his individuality, to leave the pathway of his own personality and to ramble off toward the way marked by God for the other.

The evil effects of such imitation cannot be overestimated. Thus, consciously or unconsciously, to copy another is subversive of our best selves, our development and our power. It is true that hero-worship has its place, but it is liable to sad abuse. The inspiration which we may gather by contact with a great personality is good, and will mean much to us if it works itself out through the tissue of our own sturdy individuality, but we had better never have a hero than to become his ape. To rest content with being the weak shadow of another man is indeed a lowly ambition. To see another who is great should fire our ambition to be great ourselves. Not great by imitation—by trying to squeeze ourselves into another's mold—but great by the culture and development of our own talents and powers until they shall shine above our fellows, and command their plaudits and esteem.

To imitate another is fatal to ourselves. It means a lowering of the standards of self-respect by the tacit acknowledgement of our inferiority. It means an abdication of the throne of our own reason. It means the surrender of individual aspiration and growth. It means the death of self-reliance and independence, with its many attendant ills. It means the slow growth of a most insidious form of dishonesty. It means above all, the creeping paralysis of insincerity. And for a

preacher of the gospel thus to steal the thunder of another is indeed a sad and terrible thing.

A SLOW GROWTH.

Imitation tends to fasten its slimy coils upon our souls unconsciously. Few men will thus deliberately commit this sin. Slowly, insidiously, the habit creeps upon one, and, with high resolution and firm endeavor, we must shake it off. Better a little that is true, pure and original, than much that is second-hand imitative and stale. Insist on yourself; never imitate. Your own gift you can present every moment with the cumulative force of a whole life's cultivation; but of the adopted talent of another you have only an extemporaneus, half-possession."

These ringing words of Emerson's are true. We must think our own thoughts. We must set up our own ideals. We must erect our own standards. We must wield our own swords and fight our own battles. Though natural growth may be slow, it is sure and healthy. Any hot-house plant produces a weakling. A pure heart a simple faith, a resolute will, the patience to wait, the power to endure, aspirations that are high and ambitions that are noble—these are the mighty roots which bear fruit in honor, power, usefulness and success.

To thine own self be true,
And it must follow, as 'the night the day,
Thou canst not then be false to any man.'

WHY WE ARE FORGIVEN.

God's forgiveness does not carry with it permission to sin again. If that were its purpose, our sins had better go unforgiven. To be forgiven is to be freed from the death-penalty of sin. No man can be fairly expected to do good work in any line who is staggering along under the load of the sentence of death. In order to release men from that crushing burden, God in Christ forgives their sins. And we are forgiven in order that we may live, and seek the way of life; not in order that we may return again to the way of death. When a father wipes clean the sheet of his son's debts he does it not in order that the son may safely incur new debts, but that the son may have a fair chance once more to live within his income and keep out of debt. Yet how strong is the temptation to feel, after we have squarely faced and acknowledged yesterday's sin, and asked and received forgiveness for it, that now we have secured the right to a little carelessness or laxity! God does forgive seventy times seven, but the only confession of sin and prayer for forgiveness that is worth the making is uttered in the determination to fulfill the purpose of God's forgiveness: final and complete victory now through Christ.—*Sunday School Times*.

Whatever price you pay for the world, you leave the world behind you when you pass the gate of death.—*Martin R. Vincent*.

THE KING.

"You will know Him, when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor the vantage of his airs;
Neither by his crown,
Nor by his gown,
Nor by anything he wears;
He shall only well known be
By the holy harmony
That his coming makes in thee."

INCONSISTENT CHRISTIAN STUMBLING-BLOCKS.

There are those who say, "Suffer us first to be sure that all professing Christians are not hypocrites." There are men and women who are ready to affirm that all professing Christians are hypocrites. Is this affirmation true? This is a question of fact; it ought to be decided as other questions of fact are decided. It is interesting to know what was Christ's opinion of his immediate disciples, and it is quite safe to affirm that his opinion of Christians of today does not differ widely from his opinion of the disciples in that early day. Of the disciples who gathered about him, Christ said, "Ye are the salt of the earth." These words were not spoken of the apostles, for they were not yet selected. Christ here expresses his views of his disciples as a whole then and now.

I affirm, without fear of successful contradiction, that the noblest men and the truest women beneath the stars are found in the church of Jesus Christ; but, noble as they are, they will be vastly nobler when their Christian character has attained its complete symmetry. They are progressing toward perfection as a portrait progresses toward completion in the hand of an artist. Like such a portrait when the artist begins his work, Christians at the beginning of their Christian lives are simply outline sketches. The divine artist will fill up this sketch with the lines and colors of complete character. The work will go on from year to year, month to month and day to day. Joys and sorrows, disappointments and achievements will soften or deepen the lines, and will heighten or subdue the colors. The light of eternity will one day fall upon the work. The Christian will see his Lord face to face, and the glorious vision will completely transform the human form into the divine image. We know that the perfect figure is the circle, and we know equally well that our perfection will not be attained till the ends of our lives meet in God; and so the perfect circle of human character is achieved when life's aims meet in God.

Some time ago a certain church underwent considerable enlargement. At that time the parts of the noble organ were piled upon one another in the south gallery. To the thoughtless observer they seemed to be a heap of dust-covered

rubbish. Later the parts were skilfully adjusted to one another; the instrument stood grandly in its honored place; the hand of our artistic organist swept the keys; strains of noble music poured forth, electrifying, exalting, ennobling, spiritualizing and divinizing reverent congregations. He would be utterly a false critic who should judge the organ-builder by the dust-covered and disjointed pipes as they lay in the south gallery. The Christian life is not yet complete; it is only the half-finished organ in the workshop or in the south gallery. Wait, O critics, until this glorious organ through which the breath of heaven pours is erected in the glorious cathedral of eternity. Then you shall hear its swelling music, its lofty inspirations and its divine harmonies, accompanied by the heavenly music of celestial choirs. Then carpings will be dumb with confusion and shame; then amid the shouts of saints and seraphs and the hallelujahs of angels and archangels Jesus Christ will say, "Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you."—*Standard*.

IMMORTALITY AND RESURRECTION.

Resurrection and immortality are doctrines quite closely associated in Christian thought, and possibly by some people, as related and connected thought in a way, of cause and effect. We are not, however, immortal because we are raised up, but rather we are raised up because we are immortal, and are not completed in conditions and circumstances without the resurrection body. However full of delight and blessedness the Christian dead may be till the resurrection, they are not advanced to their best estate until they are clothed upon with the body "like unto his glorious body." The great predominating thought is that of our immortality. The second and consequent thought, in the mercy and goodness of God, is our resurrection. The resurrection is rather, therefore an evidence of our immortality, than a cause for it. But how we are lifted up in our apprehension of ourselves and of the good and gracious purpose of God concerning us by the incoming of this thought of our immortality and then the completing of his gracious purpose in "quickening our mortal bodies." No man can take in these truths concerning himself and his fellow men and remain indifferent towards them or careless concerning himself. Immortality and resurrection logically and practically demand a warm religious and evangelistic concern for all men. The spirit of seeking to be a saviour of my family, and my neighbor, and of the far-off man in darkness, must be the spirit of one who takes in these two great facts. Our lives and practices in these matters are a mirror in which we may see ourselves, and know how much of the Christian spirit is in us.—*The Examiner*.

THE WEARY SOWER.

My seed fell always on the stony ground
 She sadly said.
 Then bowed her weary head;
 I cannot ask my Father for a crown
 When I go hence, we hear the words
 "Well done"
 Come unto me and rest from toil dear one."

At early dawn I went forth with the rest
 To do my task
 I never paused to ask
 If it were light or hard, but did my best;
 But night has come and I have sadly found
 My seed fell always on stony ground.

The happy toilers by my side
 With heedless hand
 Cast o'er the waiting land
 Their sprouting vernal seedlings far and wide
 Back came to them rich blossoms
 Fair and bright
 While mine fallen mid stones
 Have suffered blight.

It is so hard to die and be forgotten
 But harder yet
 To know that they forget
 Because no nobler deed I ever wrought
 I tried but all too soon the night came round.
 And found my seed on the stony ground.

A gentle spirit hovering in the air—
 Hearing, drew near,
 And whispered in her ear;
 Dear heart, the Lord would not have thee de-
 spair
 He knows thy toil, thy sorrow and thy love,
 Thy seed has grown and blossomed up above.
Found in a Missionary Bible.

THE BIBLE NOT A TEXT BOOK.

The theology of the church, or Christian thinking, can be made reasonable, and should be made so by reversing these processes through which it has become unreasonable. The Bible is supreme in its place as the story of how God progressively came into the consciousness of men, and as the unveiling in human experience of the moral nature of God. Jesus Christ is its apex, its key. It is misused when made a text book on science or history. The conceptions of the universe, and the literary methods of any given time were used because the writers had no other vehicles. Science and history must be learned from their own realms. Sane methods of interpreting the Bible must prevail. This will not only put it in its true place in manly minds that now reject its authority, but will also put away all ground from many absurd and grotesque religious movements and ideas that now find credence. The growth of the revela-

tion in the Bible must be admitted, and men's gradually increasing apprehension of God confessed. The essential truths must be disentangled from their intellectual vehicles, and retranslated into the terms of our times. All unveilings of God, those in the physical universe which we call science, those in human history, those in the constitution of man, his image, as discovered in psychology, those in the Bible, and in the personality of Jesus Christ, must all, without exception be gladly received and co-ordinated. No ray of light can be despised.

God never uses ignorance or untruths to bring men into fellowship with himself. He spurns no truth, no matter in what realm it is found, as a means to lift up men to himself. He is the unity of all truths, no matter how we divide them into biblical, scientific, historical, etc. We must also realize that human experience widens and deepens. We know more, and feel more, and do more than any generation that ever preceded us. This means an enlarging conception of God.

Every generation, every person in any generation, inherits the riches of the past and increases it by his own experiences. So each age and person must reinterpret God. Experience whether cosmic, national or personal, can have no toleration for the thoughts of finality. This is true of earth, and heaven will be an eternal coming to know more and more of God. Theology changes, must change, ought to change if God is a living God, and makes himself known to a changing race of his creatures.

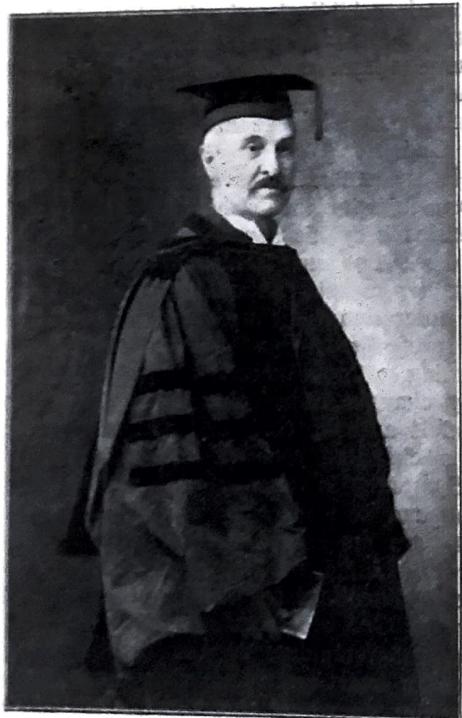
Sympathy is essential to a true theology. No man can be understood by his enemy. He will not bare his secret self to one who hates him. Even if he did, the unsympathetic could not have the qualifications for knowing him. This is more true of God as our knowledge of him than of our understanding of one another. Only the pure in heart see him. One must love him to see him anywhere, here or in heaven, just as one must love the flowers to know botany, or aesthetics to know music and art, or love his friend to know him. It is both morally and intellectually impossible to know God if we ignore him, and rule him out of life. Theology is not a matter of sheer brain. It demands moral sympathy just as unity of selfhood with the facts of any realm is a necessary condition of knowing that realm. The unspiritual man must always have a false theology.—W. C. Bitting.

It does not follow that people forget because they cease to mourn as those refusing to be comforted. Remembrance may live under smiles as well as under tears. Indeed the truest, the sweetest, the bravest, are those who remember this way; who with a cheerful spirit go to meet all fair and pleasant gifts of God, yet carry with them, in sunshine as well as in shadow, the tender memory of some buried past.—Interior,

CHICAGO BAPTIST NEWS.

DEAN HULBERT'S QUARTER-CENTURY ANNIVERSARY.

At the annual meeting and luncheon of the Divinity School Alumni Association of the University of Chicago, held at the Victoria Hotel, Monday, June 11, recognition was made of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Dean Eri. B. Hulbert's connection with the Divinity School. Rev. C. N. Patterson, of Parker, South Dakota, who was a member of the first class taught by Dr. Hulbert, was deputed to give "the quarter-century address" to his former teacher; and in a reminiscent way spoke of the big place the Professor still has in the hearts of his old-time



DEAN ERI B. HULBERT.
QUARTER CENTURY ANNIVERSARY.

students. To his words of strong appreciation Dr. Hulbert made characteristic reply. Later in the week the students of the Divinity School in a body surprised him by a call at his home, and in true student fashion tried to convince him that he is the greatest teacher on earth and first in all their hearts.

Dr. Hulbert's many friends in Chicago and vicinity will be glad to read this brief sketch of his life. He is "a Simon pure Chicagoan." The old family homestead was in the loop district of the Masonic Temple. If this property had been retained in the family name, he might now of the University. He was born July 16, 1841, and grew up in Chicago, remaining until the beginning of his college career. He received his A. B. degree from Union College in 1863, and graduated from Hamilton Theological Seminary

in 1865. His successive pastorates have been at Manchester, N. H., 1865-68; Rolling Mills Mission, Chicago, 1868-70; First Baptist Church, St. Paul, Minn., 1870-74; First Baptist Church, San Francisco, Cal., 1874-78; Fourth Baptist Church, Chicago, 1878-81.

He received the honorary degree of D. D., 1880, and in 1881 accepted the professorship of Church History in this institution, and has since filled the position with distinguished ability. In 1884 and 1885 he acted as president, and when the seminary was transferred from Morgan Park in 1892 and re-christened the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, he was elected Dean. In 1900 he received the degree of LL. D. from Bucknell University.

It is a noteworthy fact that Dr. Hulbert is the sole survivor of the teaching staff of the seminary of 25 years ago. Among his colleagues during these years whose departure he has lamented have been Drs. Jensen, Boise, J. A. Smith, Sage, Simpson, Northrup, Goodspeed, and President Harper. It is a well known fact that he has not served the seminary with divided interest, but has given it his whole and best service. However, his activity has not ceased with the limits of the Divinity School, but he has rendered valuable service on several of the Denominational boards, and has been a teacher in the Women's Missionary Training School since its organization. His council has ever been in demand by students and pastors. His pen has given many trenchant and strong contributions to the Standard, Baptist Union, and other periodicals. He has not craved notoriety, in fact to be talked about is distasteful to him. Notwithstanding this aversion to publicity, his lectures, sermons and addresses are very popular wherever he can be secured to deliver them. His magnetic personality, clean-cut presentation and forceful delivery fasten the truth as with clinched nails, so that what he says and how he says it are never forgotten by those who hear him. He is happy in his work, with a conviction that God has called him to his chosen field of service.

In 1869 he was married to Miss Ethelyn Spencer, and brought his bride to Chicago during his first pastorate here. Three children were born of this union, two of whom survive. The Dean has a big, brave heart ready to sympathize with others and to bear when the burden of affliction rests heavy on himself. The hearts of many have been touched by his sorrows. Work is the best cure for many of our troubles, and he seems to have found relief in added service. A few years ago, after a serious operation, his own life was despaired of but he was brave in the face of death. Since that time he has been enjoying most excellent health, and his popularity in the class-room indicates that he is not yet a fit subject for the shelf of fossilized professors.

On July 19, in company with Mr. Jesse A. Baldwin, a trustee of the University, he will sail for a well-earned vacation on the Kaiserin Auguste Victoria, the new 25,000 ton boat of the Hamburg-American line, and will not return until near October 1, when he begins the work of another year.

CITY MISSION NOTES.

BY R. E. MANNING.

Garfield Park.—Since our last issue, considerable advancement has been made. The first Sunday in June, the new pastor, brother Sly from Springfield, Ohio, was present, which was the last Sunday in the old "hired house" which was an occasion for rejoicing. But that rejoicing was very moderate as compared with that of the following Sunday, when they were permitted to gather in their new house, and hold dedication services, and unite in raising funds for the payment of the cost of the same. The lot, which is located on the corner of 41st Ave. and Jackson Boulevard, was paid for before the building was begun. The City and Home mission societies paid one third. The cost was \$3,500. During the past year many had fondly hoped that they might be able to erect the completed building the present season, but it seemed very evident to the more conservative ones that this could not be done, and therefore they very wisely decided that it would be better to erect the basement story, which would be far better than the building they were renting. The building and furniture cost about \$8,600. They had already raised \$3,000, and the societies had given them \$1,500. They had the promise of \$1,000 more if they would raise \$2,000. The dedication services were held at 3 p. m. Brother Straton preached the sermon, and then began the work of raising funds toward paying the remaining indebtedness, as few if any even hoped to secure the whole amount needed. It was a long pull, but when effort ceased, \$2,665 had been pledged, to be paid in three monthly installments the first being payable July 15th. The next morning, the superintendent told an interested brother, who has been giving an unusual amount during the last few months, for the conduct of our city mission work, that only \$450 were needed to complete the payment for house and furniture, and the reply was, "if they will raise it, I will give them \$100 towards it." They are already making an effort to fulfill the conditions. If they succeed in paying the entire amount, in three months, it will be a great victory for the members of this little church. The members of the City Mission Board already feel that the funds the societies have invested have been wisely expended, but if the whole amount shall be paid within the time specified, that feeling will be intensified. Before the effort to secure funds had ceased, many of the visitors had felt constrained to leave in order to attend the evening services at their home churches. Notwithstanding this, a goodly number were present when the superintendent of missions, was called on to offer the prayer of dedication, which he did with a heart full of thankfulness to God for moving in the hearts of His children to build Him a house, and to the children for their loving and ready

responses to His movings. It was a great day in the history of the church, and will long remain fragrant with memories of God's goodness to His people.

The following Thursday evening a reception was held in order to give the people an opportunity to meet brother and sister Sly. A large company gathered, and after a social hour, a brief programme followed, consisting of music and addresses. The superintendent of missions, welcomed the pastor and wife on behalf of the Baptist people, and the pastor of the neighboring Methodist church welcomed them on behalf of the people in the community. After a very happy response by brother Sly, refreshments were served, and then all joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds," when the people went to their homes, with thankful hearts to God, for crowning their efforts with success in securing a comparatively good house, and a superlatively good pastor and wife. Both pastor and people feel that as God has blessed them along temporal lines in the possession of their property, He has a right to expect that their gratitude will manifest itself in efforts to honor Him in spiritual service.

First Bohemian.—On account of the elevation of the railway tracks, the street in front of the church building, will be lowered several feet, which will necessitate changes in the entrance to the audience room. In view of this change, the building will be enlarged and improved in many ways. The City Mission Society will cancel \$1,100 indebtedness, and give the church a deed, in order that they may be able to borrow on mortgage, and will also wait six years longer before requiring any payments on the remaining \$2,000. The Home Mission Society will contribute \$400. The addition and improvements contemplated, will cost about \$6,500. Brother Kralicek, and his people are very enthusiastic over the matter and are working vigorously in the matter of collecting funds. The pastor is doing a noble work, in order to do which, he lives very economically. He informed me that he supported his family on \$5.00 per week, in order that he might be an example to his people in the matter of benevolence, and maintaining current expenses. But notwithstanding the practice of such strict economy, he has incurred a personal debt, instead of increasing his earthly possessions. He, and his people, as well as the work, are deserving our practical sympathy, and prayers.

North Shore.—On Sunday morning, June 10th, the congregation assembled as usual at 1960 Evanston Ave. The devotional services were held, after which the entire congregation proceeded to the lot at the southwest corner of Leland and Pemberton avenues. A brief service was held, to indicate possession of the new location. The program was as follows: Hymn, "How Firm a Foundation." Remarks by the pastor founded on Josh. 1: 3—"Every place that

CHURCH LIFE.

CHURCH NEWS OF CHICAGO ASSOCIATION.

Centennial—The Children's Day offering was \$53.89. Centennial, Second, Fourth and Western Avenue churches will conduct union tent meetings during July. A series of popular Sunday evening services are bringing good congregations. The young ladies of the Training school conducted an interesting meeting in this series recently.

Normal Park—On Monday evening, June 18th, the church gave a reception to the 81 members that have been received during Rev. F. L. Anderson's pastorate of fifteen months. A program consisting of music and speaking was given. The B. Y. P. U. is mapping out a series of most interesting topics for July and August.

South Chicago—Several short series of meetings have been held from time to time, and about 30 new members have been received since Jan. 1st. Pastor Vreeland has made a number of engagements for Commencement addresses and Chautauqua lectures.

Central Branch, 324 Clark Street. This is one of the seven branches of the Immanuel Church, disbanding the Central Church and coming under the supervision of Dr. Myers about three years ago. Assistant Gales conducts a service every night of the week at 7:30. Sunday school, 2:30. B. Y. P. U. at 5:00 p. m.

Bethany—Rev. Mr. Blodgett has been pastor since October 1st. Improvements have been made on the building, and there have been some important additions. A spirit of harmony prevails with promise of advancement. Three lodges of Odd Fellows and two lodges of Rebeccas were present on Sunday, June 17th, and the pastor preached the Memorial sermon to a crowded church.

Second Church—“Dr.” Stratton, as he may now rightfully be called, recently closed his first year's pastorate. Eighty-five new members have been received, most of them by baptism. There have been baptisms every Sunday evening from September to Easter. The charter for the Aunt Lizzie Memorial has been granted, and subscriptions have been coming in very encouragingly.

Pilgrim Temple—At the last rally of the North Side B. Y. P. U. at the Rogers Park Baptist Church Dr. Thoms gave a very interesting illustrated lecture on “Saddle Scenes in Syria and Egypt.”

Maplewood—Pastor Tolman has recently been attending Colby Commencement exercises, celebrating the semi-centennial of his graduation there. He expects a crowd on the boat excursion to South Haven in the financial interests of his church, on Saturday, July 7th. Tickets, \$1.00.

Windsor Park—During the past two months there have been 11 confessions, 5 of whom have been baptized and two others received by experience.

Grace—Mr. and Mrs. George Pratt presented the church with an individual Communion set recently which is giving great satisfaction. The

the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you.” Prayer. Hymn. Benediction. On Wednesday evening, June 20th, the church instructed the building committee to proceed with the erection of the chapel at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. In order to save rent, they have moved into the Sheridan Park Station building, and expect to occupy the same until they enter their new chapel. The landlord gladly allowed them to terminate their lease, as he could get an advance in rent. On that Wednesday evening there were 45 persons present, and at the close, they moved all their furniture over to the station, even including the piano, thereby saving the expense otherwise attending the moving, for the building fund. From this time on, during the summer, the evening services will be held outside, as it is thought more people can be reached in this manner. On Children's Day the exercises were greatly enjoyed by all, and when the boxes were opened they were found to contain \$26.53 and there are still more to hear from. Considering the fact that they started out to raise \$25 they were quite pleased with the result. The present membership is 122. On the morning of June 25th at 7 a. m., 26 persons gathered in the lot and broke ground for the erection of the new chapel to be erected at as early a date as possible.

Immanuel Bohemian.—Brother Hlad writes: “Our Sunday meetings and prayer hours are visited by quite a number of members and friends, and the more Satan strives to get those that are nearing the Lord, the more we pray for them, and believe that Jesus will hear our unworthy prayers. We have a nice programme for the Sunday School picnic on July 7th. The parents usually come with their children and we have a lovely chance to tell them about Jesus.” I wonder if any other pastor could truthfully write in the above manner?

Logan Square Norwegian.—Brother Finwall writes that “At the beginning of the present year a number of the members, with the pastor, agreed to pray for power for personal work, and that the church might be permitted to lead at least one soul per week to Christ, during the year 1906. Sunday, June 24th, was the last Sunday of the first half of the year. Up to the present time, I believe more than 52 persons have sought forgiveness for their sins. About 20 of these have not as yet joined the church, but others who have been in the back-slidden state have been revived, and some have joined by letter, so that 51 persons have been received into our church since the beginning of the year. Many of these are young men, and husbands with their wives. Our Young People's Society is in a flourishing condition, and the meetings are well attended and full of power. There are from 40 to 70 in attendance at the weekly prayer-meeting and as a rule I find it difficult to close, because of the eagerness to take part.”

new building has been occupied for two years and \$7,000 have been contributed during the past five years.

Millard Ave.—The S. S., 100 strong, attended the picnic at Fullersburg Grove, June 16th. A Young Men's Class, of great promise, has been organized with Mr. Albert Stapp as teacher. The marriage of Miss Mary R. Smith to Mr. Wm. F. Zane has been one of the chief social events.

Lexington Ave.—An ordination council, representing 26 churches by 51 delegates, expressed itself as much pleased with the examination of Mr. C. B. Elliot, a recent graduate of the Divinity School, on June 22. On Sunday evening, June 24th, the ordination service was held. Dr. Soares preached. Dr. Greene gave the charge to the church. Dr. Hewitt charged the candidate and Pastor Foynon offered the ordaining prayer.

First Church—The S. S. picnic held in a grove near Aurora on June 23rd, was one of the largest ever held. "A parents' social" recently given by the Sunday School brought out many of them, some who had never been to the church before. About 800 were present at the last meeting of the Men's League, on June 11th, and a most successful year was closed under the leadership of Mr. Charles H. Marshall. Dr. DeBlois delivered 14 college and high school commencement addresses and declined several other invitations.

Hammond—The Baptist Athletic League has built a gymnasium 28 by 75 feet and much interest prevails among the young men in church matters. The Children's Day offering was the largest in recent years.

Wheaton—The men of the church entertained the congregation by a social on June 28th, in which a series of character sketches, with local hits, furnished the entertainment. The annual meeting was held May 31st, when 130 banqueted and listened to reports of a good year's work.

Belden Ave.—Dr. John A. Earl, of Waterloo, Ia., has accepted the call of the church, to begin work Aug. 1st. We predict for him a good work in Chicago.

Clyde—An ordination council, representing 17 churches, met here on June 8th, and expressed itself fully satisfied with the examination of Herbert F. Evans, of the University of Chicago. On June 10th, Dr. Henderson preached the ordination sermon.

Englewood—There have been a number of baptisms since the completion of the new \$2,500 baptism, and the impressiveness of the service has been augmented. The growth of the Sunday school, under the leadership of Superintendent Brimson has led to the purchase of a lot adjoining the church building, which means the erection in the near future of a structure especially for Sunday School work.

Austin—Pastor Harnly completed his first year's pastorate on June 17th. It has been a year of sore affliction, his wife having died in February and his youngest boy died suddenly in June. He has the sympathy of all.

Western Avenue—On California Day our offering for the aid of our sister churches in the stricken cities was \$140. Previous to this, with the first news of the disaster, an offering of about \$60 was taken.

At this time we are in the midst of some union evangelistical tent meetings. Great blessings are expected. Our Sabbath school won the banner at the Cook county festival. About two hundred of our school attended the recent union picnic at Trout Park. Our deacon Ralph has been elected President of the West Side district B. Y. P. U.

Rogers Park—On June 21 a Men's Alliance was organized. There was much enthusiasm. Plans for the summer work are being made. The church lawn will be utilized, seats being placed there. Special music for the out-door services will be a special feature. Pastor Hobbs will preach a series of evening sermons upon the general theme: "Under the Trees." The July topics are: The Tree as A Teacher. The Sound of Marching in the Tops of the Mulberry Trees, or Lessons for Patriots; The Story of a Famous Old Oak; Under the Palm Tree, or A Woman's Power; The Tree by the Riverside; The Cedars of Lebanon.

Berwyn—The new house of worship of the Berwyn Baptist church was dedicated June 3rd with services lasting all day. At the morning service the pastor preached from the text "What mean these stones?" Dr. J. S. Kirtley preached the dedicatory sermon in the afternoon. After which the pastor undertook a money raising campaign, which resulted in a subscription of \$10,700. The building cost complete, including the organ, \$27,700. A total of \$22,000 has been subscribed, and determined efforts are to be made to raise the balance within the next few weeks. Dr. W. H. Geistweit was the preacher at the evening service, emphasizing the obligation of the service of the individual. The dedicatory services were continued through the week with a meeting in the interests of the Sunday School. On Tuesday evening, a church rally, on Wednesday evening addresses by Dr. Ford of Englewood, and a public reception on Friday evening. The new structure is most beautiful in design and decoration and a great credit to the Baptists of Chicago. Thirteen have been baptized since June 1st.

Messiah—The church expects to complete its building and to begin the work at once. The difficulties that have hindered the work are now being removed. All departments of the church are active and harmonious. Congregations were never larger, choir never better.

Evanston—The church recently held its annual meeting with dinner, reports and election of officers. There have been 27 additions by baptism and letter. The Sunday School has 296 members and a Home Department of 93. The Delano Mission which has been under undenominational auspices for 15 years has been adopted by the church. Contributions for benevolence \$4,492.00; for church expenses, \$7,156.00. In 1908 the church will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of its organization. Ten years ago the

church reported 354 members; five years ago, 399; at present, 395. With a large Sunday School and new mission field for recruits we may expect a greater growth in the membership of this strong church, under the efficient leadership of Dr. Greene.

Western Springs.—The First Baptist Church of Western Springs, Ill., a suburb of Chicago, dropped the name of Baptist for several years, feeling that they should simply be known as "The Church in Western Springs, Ill." but have again taken the name of "The First Missionary Baptist Church" and are in full fellowship with the Chicago Baptist Association. They are strictly close on the order of the ordinances of Water Baptism and the Lord's Supper and use only unleavened bread and wine at their weekly communion, for what they believe are strictly biblical reasons in harmony with the types of the Scriptures. Pastor Atwater will be pleased to answer any inquiries regarding the ordinances that may be made.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Rev. W. Sweet and family of Hangchow, China, are spending the summer resting at Irving Park.

Dr. Gilbert Frederick, after supplying for a month at the Covenant Church, of which he was pastor for 10 years, has gone to his summer home in Michigan.

Dr. Mabie preached the June Convocation sermon at the University of Chicago, and was one of the 347 to receive a degree at this commencement. Three Chicagoans received honorary degrees at the recent Shurtleff Commencement—Mr. Willard A. Smith, trustee of the University of Chicago, received the degree of LL. D.; Mrs. Lella Allen Dixson, librarian of the University of Chicago, the degree of Doc. Litt., and Rev. John R. Stratton, pastor of the Second Church, the degree of D. D.

Rev. George C. Moor, B. A., M. A., Ph. D., formerly of Chicago, now pastor at Champaign, has again been honored by his Alma Mater, Ewing College with the degree of D. D.

Rev. S. E. Price, brother of Prof. Ira M. Price of the University of Chicago, and of Principal Milo B. Price of Pillsbury Academy, has been recently elected president of Ottawa University.

Rev. A. R. E. Wyant recently baptized four members of the undenominational church of Ross, Ind., in the presence of a multitude at the riverside. Among those baptized was the pastor who is a Presbyterian. Dr. Wyant supplies the Tabernacle Church, on July 1st, and at La Grange, on July 8th.

SWEDISH BAPTIST NEWS.

The Swedish Baptist Home for the Aged is now located at Morgan Park where about three acres of ground have been secured. Here a building with rooms for 20 persons is now being erected at a cost of \$12,000. This is only the

middle and smaller part of the building, as plans show, when completed. It is now under roof, two wings, about \$25,000 must be raised, and this amount \$9,000 is in hand. The money is raised solely by voluntary subscription by Rev. C. J. Almquist, financial solicitor for the home. This home will care for aged homeless persons of the Swedish Baptist denomination and others, and is administered by an incorporated society. The expectation is to move from the temporary home in Chicago into the new home about August 1. The dedicatory services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2:30, September 23, with addresses in both English and Swedish.

The dedication of the new Swedish Baptist Sunday School assembly at Bethany Beach, Sawyer, Michigan, will occur July 4, with an address by Dr. E. Sandell. The following week the pastors of Chicago and vicinity will hold a retreat there. During the latter part of July and August there will be a summer school for Sunday School and young people's workers. The environment will tempt many city-dwellers to shake the city dust off for awhile.

The soloist of the First Swedish Baptist Church, member of the well known Mozart Quartette, was married in the church, June 20, to Rev. E. Scherstrom, pastor at Portland, Oregon. The ceremony was performed by Pastor Hagstrom in the presence of 350 invited guests.

Rev. P. A. Hjelm of the First Swedish Church, San Francisco, is at present visiting the Swedish churches of Chicago and vicinity and has already received upwards of \$1,000 for a new church building in San Francisco. He will also go east on the same errand.

GERMAN BAPTIST NEWS.

Dr. Jacob Meier, the well known pastor of the First German Church, reports the usual progress in evangelism and baptisms. A new society has been organized to uphold the weaker interests of missions and preach for those not having a pastor.

A German Baptist Old People's Home has been maintained for the past 12 years, and has 56 inmates at present. They also have a deaconess' and girls' home at 565 West Superior St., for working girls who have no home of their own.

ENGLEWOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL FIELD DAY

Seven Sunday Schools of Englewood including the Englewood and Covenant Baptist will hold a great field day on Saturday, June 30, with a grand parade and athletic events in Washington Park. Banners will designate the headquarters of the different schools. Lemonade will be served free to pupils wearing badges. There will be an egg hunt on the island at the south end of Washington Park. Only those with badges will be admitted to the island. Twenty-five-hundred hard boiled eggs will be hid there, and will be the property of those finding them. On each side of the island there will also be hid a gold egg (first prize), a silver egg (second

prize,) and five porcelain eggs marked from 1 to 10. Those finding the gold eggs will each receive a \$2½ gold piece; those finding the silver eggs each a silver dollar; those finding the porcelain eggs, marked from 1 to 5, each a pound box of best chocolates; those finding the porcelain eggs marked from 6 to 10 each five ice-cream soda checks. Eggs and prizes were donated by local business men. When all are ready the band will play the Star Spangled Banner, and the first note will be the signal for the hunt to begin.

Each school will have its own preliminary races, managed and carried out by its own representatives, at 11 a. m. Luncheon at 12 o'clock. From 1 to 2 a concert will be given by Smith's Military Band. The finals in the races will take place at 2 p. m. A tennis tournament will take place at the same time. Twenty handsome medals will be awarded as prizes at the band stand at 4 o'clock. Baseball games will be played between the various schools at 3:30 p. m. The Englewood Baptist Sunday School Band of 18 pieces, under the leadership of Mr. Harry Hawkins, will give a band concert from 4 to 6 p. m. Superintendent W. G. Brimson will be the Grand Marshall of the day. Such is the outline of a program that would furnish any group of Sunday Schools a most enjoyable holiday.

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO NOTES.

The Summer Quarter at the University opens with a large attendance in all departments. The increased attendance in the Divinity School for the first term of the quarter over that of last year is very gratifying. An improvement in the general grade of students in all departments is also apparent. Experienced instructors in high schools, academies, colleges and universities are here by scores if not by hundreds. Many pastors from our own and other denominations are among those in attendance at the Divinity school. Several of these are available for occasional supply of vacant pulpits during the summer.

This large company of cultivated people has been attracted not only by the fine facilities for the class instruction, but also by the many Open Lectures which are to be delivered daily during the entire quarter. The lecturers are all men of eminence. In addition to Dean Mathews, Drs. Johnson, Price, Willett, Breasted, Soares, J. M. P. Smith, and others of the regular University Faculties are among the lecturers, besides Dr. Johnston Myers, President Henry Churchill King, William J. Dawson, Professor A. H. Newman, and others from other institutions.

These lectures are open without expense to all members of the University, and to others, visitors and citizens of Chicago, for a small fee.

The newspaper talk about the poverty of the University and the departure of Professors must be taken, as in case of other newspaper stories, with many grains of salt. The University is not bankrupt, nor is it going backward but forward, notwithstanding the irreparable loss of President Harber, which is still so keenly felt.

Dean Hulbert, of the Divinity School, will be

absent during the Quarter; also Dr. A. K. Parker, both of whom are booked for a trip to Europe. Professor Moncrief, who was absent last Quarter, is again in residence, and all other members of the Divinity Faculty will be in their places at one or both terms of the Quarter.

—C. E. H.

CHICAGO BAPTIST HOSPITAL.

The Chicago Baptist Hospital is now undertaking some long-needed improvements which will increase its capacity, enlarge its facilities, and multiply its conveniences.

A laundry plant, engine and storage rooms will be built on the west side of the building—the basement will be overhauled and remodeled; a new entrance way will be added, providing various rooms for administration purposes; a new elevator will be installed, and other necessary work will be done.

The work is going to Wells Bros., who will seek to have the Hospital in prime order in the autumn. The cost will approach \$10,000. The Ladies Society is greatly aiding the improvements in various ways. Mrs. C. R. Williams and Mrs. R. R. Donnelley are efficient members of the Board of Directors; and all the departments and committees are heartily co-operating in the advance movements.

The Hospital has an able staff of 21 physicians, who cordially unite with the directors in these additions, and urge them forward. Dr. Chas. H. Lodor is president of the staff, and Dr. Frank Wieland is secretary. About 125 other physicians bring their patients to the Hospital.

Write to Supt. Jas. Purvis, for a copy of the new booklet, setting forth the condition, buildings, rooms, work and plans of the hospital. It also gives a picture of the Training School, of which Miss Josephine Royan is the able and efficient principal.

Supt. Purvis is familiar with all lines of hospital service; and has the support of the entire board in his responsible position.

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CENTRAL BAPTIST ORPHANAGE.

Amid the many extra appeals to the churches this year, made imperative in the terrible desolation on the Pacific coast, the regular benevolences are likely to suffer. But the good Lord is giving universal prosperity to the country, and none of our missions, nor charities, nor benevolences should be impaired.

Missionaries must be supported, chapels must be erected, churches must be sustained and charities demand our attention just the same. If all were to give the Lord his tenth there would be no lack in any department. The expenses of caring for about 40 children go on every day. The Orphanage has no endowment, no special funds; but it has these children to feed and clothe; it has help to pay; it has street pavements to meet and it has \$6,000 yet to pay on the purchase price of the property, with its in-

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terest. Its resources are faith in God, the prayers of child-loving people, the assurance that every pastor, teacher and worker will keep this blessed service of child-saving on their minds, hearts and purses.

MEMORIAL COTTAGES.

On the lots given by Mrs. Brabrook at Maywood to *Central Baptist Orphanage*, it is desired to erect Cottages, as memorials to departed loved ones, which will become an endowment for the orphanage. Monuments of this kind are perpetually aiding the suffering and the poor;—they are nobler than marble shafts;—they are monuments of abiding blessing.

Where friends cannot give the full amount for a cottage;—the Orphanage will pay interest to the donor during life for the balance. It is often better to make the donation on the *Annuity Plan*, than to put it in a will, where great expense may be involved. The *Orphanage* will aid donors in any way possible to reach the highest good. Who will build the first cottage? Mrs. Brabrook set a worthy example, before her entrance into glory.

JAMES P. THOMS, SECY.

WOMEN'S FOREIGN MISSION NOTES.

Our readers will be glad to know that three young ladies from this year's graduates from our training school go to China; Miss Ross to Kityang, Miss Traver to Swataow and Miss Rawlings to Huchau, while others are presenting themselves as candidates. Many of the missionaries write of revivals in the schools among them Miss Long, who has 30 girls and who asks for another teacher that she may give herself to the evangelistic work.

Miss Elgie from Ningpo writes of the transformed lives and faces of her girls. Miss Sollman from Swatow has a larger class this year than ever before but asks for an assistant as she feels that she is only holding ground, with out making the possible progress.

The Ohio women have pledged \$1,000 for a building for Mr. Speicher, for the fifty or more boys that he has gathered. Miss List from Kengtung, Burma, and who went out only last Fall, writes "Our conversation as yet is very fragmentary, consisting chiefly of questions and answers. Pray that my ear may be accurate and that I may learn to reproduce the tones accurately, that Christ may be manifest in me daily, and his name glorified." She writes of calling, when the hostess places fruits and dainties on the floor before them while they are given chairs so high that their feet do not touch the floor. Finally the hostess bethought herself and brought a table for her guests.

I must give you some of a letter from Miss Fredrickson, Rangoon. "I wish I could be in two places at once. I just long to stir up the women at home, but since that is impossible, I am very

thankful for the privilege of working here in Burma. Our convention reports show 7000 baptisms for the year, the largest number for any one year. I am writing with quite a little company around me and if this letter seems mixed, put it down to the fact that I stopped to answer questions about my fountain pen, English writing and how long it would take this letter to reach America. I am very happy in my work and busy all the time. I could accomplish more if I had more to do with. It is discouraging to try to make one rupee do the work of three or four. This is the only discouragement I see. We need workers. Other denominations are coming in, and reaping where we have sown, planning to take important places where we have worked for years, and we have to sit quietly by and see work slip out of our fingers because we have not the money and workers."

Attention is called in this issue of the *Record* to *The Standard* as the best denominational organ for Baptists throughout the Northwest and hence for those in Chicago. The scope of its field from which Baptist and religious news is gathered, and the discussion of great religious subjects each week make it the leading representative paper of the denomination as much so as a leading law journal is representative of the legal profession, or the best magazines in the various departments of literature or science are essential to their constituency. The best type of Baptist life and enterprise cannot subsist without an organ of this kind and it is well that all wide-awake Baptists make *The Standard* a necessity to their Christian living for only by means of such constant contact with the best and dominant thought of the denomination will they be adequately qualified to be representative Christian people. Aside from the special features of *The Standard* now attracting wide attention, there will be within the next three months enough of important denominational news presented, in the reports of the great conventions and the anniversaries to be held, to more than compensate every reader for a whole year's subscription. Every Baptist should be asking "Can I afford to get along without a paper of such value as *The Standard*?" Send in your name as a subscriber to GOODMAN & DICKERSON CO., 324 Dearborn St., Chicago. Six months, \$1.00; One year, \$2.00.

NEGRO BAPTIST NEWS.

Our Negro brethren report great evangelistic progress during the past winter. There have been an unusually large number of accessions by baptism in all the churches. Olivet Church has received between 300 and 400 by baptism. Ebenezer, Friendship, and Providence churches each about 100 by baptism. Financially the churches are in fair condition.

Chicago Baptist Young People.

CHICAGO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

F. W. VAN KEUREN, EDITOR.

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 Officers—President, L. B. Dorr; Vice-Pres.,
 E. C. Robinson; Secretary, R. C. Stronach;
 Treasurer, John Ruthven.
 Division Presidents—West, H. W. Ralph;
 North, H. R. Baker; South, H. Hillman; Engle-
 wood, R. D. Miller.

If you missed the boat-ride on the 23rd, you missed a treat. "We had weather made to suit." Fourteen hundred young Baptists were on the boat. The girls had a good time, so did the boys. If you don't believe it ask the girls.

The Chicago Baptist Young People extend the hand of fellowship to Kenneth G. Morton, born June 19th, and Lawrence Hamilton Norton, born June 20th.

Another year of our history is made. Meetings of the Executive Committee have been held every month.

Under the able leadership of our president, Mr. Geo. H. Norton, the Young People's work has been pushed with vigor. Never has there been, such a Christian fellowship and united work among the Young People as during the past year. God bless our Bro. Norton. While God has so blessed us in the past may we not in the coming year work hand in hand and heart to heart with our new and able President Louis B. Dorr. We have tried him and surely know what a grand president we can rally around. The following officers were elected for the city on the boat:

President—Louis B. Dorr.
 Vice-President—C. E. Robinson.
 Secretary—R. C. Stronach.
 Treasurer—John Ruthven.

WEST SIDE.

The annual meeting of the district was held at the Austin Church, June 7th. The song service was led by Mr. Morton and two splendid anthems were rendered by the chorus choir of Tabernacle. One of the evening's special treats was a solo by Miss Norton. Mr. Dorr gave a brief report of the year's work.

Dr. Denman of Oak Park was the speaker of the evening and "Enthusiasm" was his subject. Surely God used him to show us as never before the dignity and Christlikeness of enthusiasm. The following officers were elected for the coming year:

President—H. W. Ralph of Western Ave.
 Vice-Pres.—F. L. Potter of Austin 1st.
 Secretary—Miss Abigail Knott of Maywood.
 Treasurer—F. G. Pamperien of La Grange.
 Mr. Ralph, the new president, has been for twenty years one of the leading members of the Western Ave. Church and also has held the office of president of our Division.

The June meeting of the Executive Board was held at the Second Church. A grand supper was served by the young people of the Second. The

principal portion of the evening program was the installation of the newly elected board and officers. Rev. W. W. Dewey presided. Greetings were extended Rev. Mr. Sly the new pastor of the Garfield Park Church. Two beautiful solos were given by Miss Brushingham and we were favored by the well known Allison Sisters' Quartette. The charge to the board was delivered by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Powell and the charge to the officers by Rev. W. S. Abernethy.

Some stirring remarks were given by the new president, after the salute to our retiring president, Mr. Dorr. Prayer was offered by Rev. C. H. Snashall and Rev. Hicks.

Many thanks to the young ladies of the Second for the bountiful feast.

The West Side District sold 500 tickets for the boat ride. We are hustlers.

Don't forget to give your new president, Mr. H. W. Ralph, a good push this year.

LETTER FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT.

Chicago, Ill., July 1, 1906.

To All Members of the West Side B. Y. P. U. A.
 Chicago, Ill.

Beloved friends:

Greetings. As you have been pleased to again place us in the van of this great division of the Army of the King, we ask your prayers that wisdom may be given us to conduct its affairs to the best interests of all concerned.

Through the splendid genius of our predecessor, brother L. B. Dorr, we have a magnificent machine in excellent working order for carrying on the work to which we stand committed. But a mill that grinds no wheat, however perfect its machinery, cannot be considered a success, and we therefore invite the co-operation of the pastors and laymen of this great West Side for the purpose of making the present year one of the very best and most successful in the history of our organization. Keeping ever in mind our motto "Service," may we not go forth with the determination that with God's help we will add to our young peoples ranks at least one hundred new, live, active members by conversion and baptism during the present year of office? It means hard work; earnest work; persistent, patient and prayerful work on the part of every member but it will more than repay us an hundred-fold. This is the primal work for which we are banded together.

Another great advantage we enjoy through this organization is that it enables us to take the very best methods from the best society and make those the standard for the entire district, thus materially increasing our working power and efficiency. Added to this is the enthusiasm and inspiration of numbers. We therefore ask you to kindly see that a full representation from your society is present at each meeting of the Board on the last Tuesday of each month, due notice of which will be given in advance.

May we not also have a record breaking year in the matter of attendance at our Rallies? They will be as interesting and helpful as the best talent securable can make them. Kindly take on an expectant mood and list your friends so

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as to bring them along each time you attend one.

In the event of the Work Committee visiting your church it will be for the purpose of bringing to you such workers as shall make each meeting of this kind so helpful and interesting that no member can afford to remain at home on such occasions.

Our desire is to be of service along all lines of Christian activity in young people's work, and suggestions will at all times be most gladly received and prayerfully considered if they tend to make for the expansion and development of the work.

Faithfully yours,

H. W. RALPH.

1146 Wilcox Ave.

NORTH DIVISION.

Another year has passed into the history of the North Division. But let us not stop to think of that but of the one which has just begun, and ask the question, "Will we make this one better than the last?" May the answer be Yes, and may it be said with an earnestness that will be of some backing. Only three of the old executive Committee are on the new—Mr. R. G. Stronach, Mr. H. R. Baker and Mr. A. L. Bishop. The officers are:

President—H. R. Baker, Galilee.

Vice-Pres.—R. G. Stronach, Rogers Park.

Treasurer—A. L. Bishop, Belden Ave.

May the new officers have the support of all in the division.

On the evening of June 15th the annual rally of the Division at Rogers Park. The Baptist Church not being large enough, the auditorium of the M. E. Church was used. Much credit is due the Rogers Park society for the musical program which was provided by them. Rev. Thoms of Pilgrim Temple gave an illustrated lecture of his travels in the east. The rally as a whole was very successful.

The North Division captured all the prizes on the lake trip. Rogers Park had a delegation of 114—this tied them with Belden Ave., they also having 114. The percentage for Rogers Park being a trifle over 200 per cent and Belden Ave. 143 per cent. Rogers Park won one set of pins while Belden Ave. won the other; the city banner was awarded Rogers Park and the flag to Belden Ave.

Other societies who deserve special mention for large delegations are First Swedish, Logan Square Norwegian, Galilee, Evanston, Pilgrim Temple and Lake View. In fact the North Division turned out better than ever before.

SOUTH DIVISION.

The annual rally and business meeting of the district was held at the West Pullman Church, Thursday, June 21st. The following officers were elected:

President—Harry Hillman.

Vice-Pres.—Miss Lena Burmaster.

Treasurer—Miss Rose Boughton.

The song service was led by R. Bigelow, the scripture reading was by Rev. F. A. Carlisle and the greeting was given by the West Pullman pastor, Rev. I. W. Rees. Prof. Franklin John-

son gave a most interesting and practical talk on "Side Studies." Mr. Bell proposed the Chicago Salute to our president, which was given with a hearty will; after which a few remarks were given. Mr. Bell, the retiring vice-president, was called for and he responded in a few happy remarks with a request that all help push the work during the new year.

Words from greetings was brought from the West Division by Mr. F. W. Van Keuren.

Parkside had the largest percentage on tickets sold for the boat ride from our district. Tickets this year was sold to 20 last year, that's a good increase.

ENGLEWOOD DISTRICT.

What is more inspiring and uplifting than to see a large gathering of young people whose chief aim is to help each other! Such a gathering as this it was that met at the Englewood Baptist Church Friday evening, June 15th—325 in all—which was the occasion of the annual June Rally and election of officers of the Englewood District B. Y. P. U. They came early (6:30 o'clock), ate heartily of a first class supper at the rate of 25 cents each (50 of them), talked much, and had a good time.

But, the Englewood District Young People can do something besides eat and play. They transacted business too. The reports were short, but full of meat, and gave one a glimpse at the true inwardness of the work that has been done during the past year, and indeed, showed wherein the retiring officers have good reason for feeling well satisfied with the work that has been accomplished. Mr. Robinson has proven himself a good organizer, and has been given loyal support in his work.

"In Union there is strength" is an axiom which has stood the test. In line with this the "conference" plan was put into execution, and found beneficial in its results. This feature of the work will be emphasized during the coming year. "Enlargement" and "Power" is the feeling which prevails among the various Unions of the District—that "Power" which comes as the result of prayer, and enables us to do a "broader" and a "better" work for the Master.

The following officers for the year were elected:

President—R. D. Miller, Morgan Park.

Vice-Pres.—Miss Eva Jessup, Englewood.

Secretary—Horace Springer, Auburn Park.

Treasurer—Wm. G. Eldridge, Washington Pk.

At 8:30 o'clock the young people gathered in the auditorium of the church and listened to a stirring address by Dr. G. R. Robbins, pastor of the Lincoln Park Institutional Baptist Church, Cincinnati, Ohio. The thought which the majority of the people carried away with them was the necessity of having in our work that "life" and "power" which can come only by a close relationship with God.

A large choir and orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

Our new president was formerly treasurer of the West Side District and a member of the Western Ave. Church.

Some things for Saving Depositors to consider.

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THE CHURCHES AND THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC

WILLIAM W. JOHNSTONE.

The Nineteenth century witnessed the destruction of human slavery in this country but it was made possible only by the active use through five years of all the available troops from all parts of the loyal states without reference to season or weather or private business and personal comfort. It was the continual hammering of these forces that finally broke the shackles from the slaves of the south. The awful slavery of souls to drink and of villages, cities, states, and the nation to the makers and sellers of the stuff can be thrown off only by the united and continuous efforts of all available moral and spiritual forces without reference to creed or party or denomination. The spirit of this age is for combination and co-operation. Shall the church lag behind business firms and giant corporations in this matter? They combine for their own interests while the interest of the churches is in the unselfish and most rapid promotion of the kingdom of God on earth. Shall the churches hesitate on account of this shibboleth or that, shall she fail to open their eyes and see, to lift up their voices and cry out, to join hands and move like a mighty army against this hydra-headed monster of corruption and ruin? And again when business men and corporations know the value of abstinence to them and to their business upon the part of agents and employes, shall the churches not stand with them and say to all men in all places, you must not drink, and to those who deal in drink, you shall not sell it? We have seen enough and heard enough to know that when the churches unitedly cry out for reform heed is given to their plea whether it be for the expulsion of a

traitorous polygamist from congress or the closing of certain saloons and dance halls.

But the churches, too much like the officials of the great city, move when they have to—when stirred by some great crisis or shocking crime that is so horrible and revolting that the entire community is aroused and for a time engages in a moral house-cleaning. The churches should be ashamed to wait for such special arguments as Chicago's recent crimes afford. There is argument and motive enough and to spare every second of every hour of every twenty-four in the whole year. The very conditions made for us and by our passive acquiescence cry out like the blood of Abel from the ground to tell us that if we will not bear the responsibility of our brother's keeping we must wear the brand of indifference and be charged with the guilt of complicity in his death.

The liquor traffic in all its departments, ramifications, and influences from start to finish is the most deadly foe of the home, the church, and the state. It is the cause of the poverty which reigns supreme over many a family that otherwise might be comfortable and well fed and well to do. It is responsible for disease, the maker of widows and orphans, the filler of jails and asylums, the ever active agent of the house of shame, the corrupter of the ballot, the legislature, and the court. It is the sworn and implacable enemy of religion, of purity, and of civic righteousness. And yet, the churches holt and temporize, and play at hide and seek with this monster. It can be overthrown by the united forces of the hosts of the Lord. The remarkable statement of a presiding judge in one of our Chicago courts, although made five years ago, is no less true today, but if we can believe the reports conditions are even worse now than then. He said:




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"You may ransack the pigeonholes all over the city and country, and look over such annual reports as are made up, but they will not tell half the truth. Not only are the saloons of Chicago responsible for the cost of the police force, the fifteen justice courts, the bride-well, but also the criminal courts, the county jail, a great portion of Joliet Prison, the long murder trials, the coroner's office, and the madhouse. Go anywhere you please, and you will find almost invariably that whiskey is at the root of the evil. The gambling houses of the city and the bad houses of the city are the direct outgrowth of the boon companions of drink. Of all the prostitutes of Chicago, the downfall of almost every one can be traced to drunkenness on the part of their parents or husbands, or drunkenness on their own part. Of all the boys in the reform school at Pontiac, and in the various reformatories about the city, ninety-five per cent. are the children of parents who died through drink or became criminals through the same cause. Of the insane and demented disposed of here in the court ever Thursday, a moderate estimate is that ninety per cent. are alcoholics and its effects.

"I saw estimated the other day there were ten thousand destitute boys in Chicago, who are not confined at all, but are running at large. I think that is a small estimate. Men are sent to prison for drunkenness, and what becomes of their families? The county agent and poor house provide for some. It is a direct expense to the community. Generally speaking, these families go to destruction. The boys turn out thieves, and the girls and mothers generally resort to the slums. The sandbaggers, murderers and thugs generally of today, who are prosecuted in the police courts and in the criminal courts, are the sons of men who fell victims to drink. The percentage in this case is fully sixty-five per cent."

Add to this the testimony of Sir Matthew Hale, one of the oldest Chief Justices of England, who said:

"The places of judicature, which I have long held in this kingdom, have given an opportunity to observe the original cause of most of the enormities that have been committed for the space of twenty years, and by due observation I have found that if the murders and manslaughters, burglaries and robberies, the riots and tumults, the adulteries, fornications, rapes and other enormities that have happened in that time, were divided into five parts, four of them have been the issues and products of excessive drinking—of tavern or ale-house drinking."

The forces to be massed against this awful evil must include all workers for the good of mankind. The churches are to be held accountable along with that other great agent for shaping public opinion—the press of the country and especially the great city dailies. How well and

how quickly this may be done has been shown very recently in our own rum-cursed city of Chicago. Pulpit and press together sounded the alarm at the danger of the cheap saloon, the dance hall, and a sadly inadequate and indifferent police force. The saloon license fee was speedily doubled, some dance hall permits cancelled, and some additions made to the police force, and a few saloons were closed, but not many. Now we face an added peril in the complacency with which we view the little good that has been done overlooking the greater strength of grip that has been given the saloon upon the city through its more than doubled power of corruption of city government. A city no less than a man is his servant whom he obeys and to whom he looks for his hire. Attacks on women and children are apparently more frequent and bolder than ever. Christian sentiment and public decency are outraged afresh and in a more aggravated way by the more recent attitude of the city administration to the Sunday saloon, and the all-night dance hall with an open bar. The whole administration seems to be in league with the saloon keepers and oblivious to the Word of God which utters the solemn warning "Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood and establisheth a city by iniquity. Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, that putteth the

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bottle to his mouth and maketh him drunk also." If there is anything on earth which is clearly the work of the devil it is the business of running a city at the command of the rumseller. This is one of the works which Christ came to destroy and it is the business of his church to fight it day and night without ceasing until it shall be destroyed. The saloon is not a necessity on Sunday or any day but is a nuisance, a menace, a deadly foe to all righteousness and peace. Witness the testimony against it by the chief official of San Francisco in the time of her affliction. It is said that nine tenths of the men engaged in the liquor traffic are infidels who absolutely hate the very idea of God and law and who have no such emotion as love for man. How could it be otherwise!

It is said we must have saloons for those who have come from other lands where the laws and customs touching the drink evil are "liberal," and it is said those laws and customs are in favor of temperance and that in those countries there is little drunkenness. But Prof. Hellar, of Kiel, Germany, has shown by carefully gathered statistics that one half the suicides among men in that empire are due to alcoholism. And we are reliably informed by other authorities that Germany is becoming a nation of drunkards. Whether that be true or not, does America exist to foster the worst habits, to cultivate the criminal practices of other lands? So it would seem

when a city council of over sixty members composed of men three fourths of whom bear names that are un-American and whose vote on when in five of our great cities the foreign-born citizens recently gathered to protest against more stringent immigration laws and introduced resolutions branding the Lodge bill as "ill-advised, senseless, unreasonable, and pernicious." Let this never be a land that shall welcome the foreigner in patriotism and the fear of God, but may the Good Lord deliver us from the fulfilment of the purposes of those who while with us are not of us and do not seek the nation's lasting welfare but would perpetuate the saloon and grow rich from the fruits of its crimes.

Pulpits, parents, teachers, and the press must educate and arouse the people and create public opinion in favor of temperance, righteousness and godliness. The church of Christ must fight the drink evil as it fights theft, profanity, and adultery. Every state should give to every county, town, village, city, and precinct the right to close up by popular vote every drinking place within its borders. We came near doing this in our state and by the grace of God and the united, persistent stand of the churches it shall be done. Public opinion is the final authority and whoever shapes public opinion makes the

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laws and secures their enforcement. Let there be a concerted movement by pulpits and press against the saloon and it will go and not stand upon the order of its going. It has been demonstrated that what the co-operating churches and reform associations want and determine to secure comes to pass. Let the churches of our city and state with one mind and heart come up to the help of the Lord against the mighty traffic in the souls and bodies of men and women through the manufacture and sale of liquor.

SUMMER WORK AT THE MOODY BIBLE INSTITUTE.

The Moody Bible Institute of Chicago, which carries on its work alike in summer and winter, announces an especially interesting and stirring program for August. Rev. James M. Gray, D. D., dean of the Institute, is planning to be present himself during most of the month, lecturing three times a week on the contents of the Bible and methods of teaching, and expository preaching, which is his specialty. Rev. Edwin A. Marshall, superintendent of the Men, a wide traveller in missionary lands, and an expert on missionary studies, will lecture weekly during the whole month on different heathen countries. And during the latter half of the month Rev. William Evans, director of the Bible Course, will lecture on the Person and Work of the Holy Spirit.

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4. Thou shalt not criticise thy neighbor. He is God's child and entitled to thy love.
5. Thou shalt not worry over thyself or thy friends. "Trust in him and he will give thee thy heart's desire."
6. Thou shalt not despise any living thing. "All is from God and God is in all."
7. Thou shalt not "pollute the morning" with a doleful face. "In his presence is fulness and joy."
8. Thou shalt not be in bondage to weakness or doubt. "He is the health of thy countenance. His trust shall be thy shield and thy buckler."
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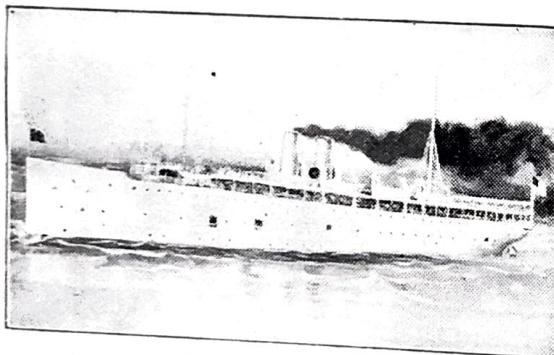
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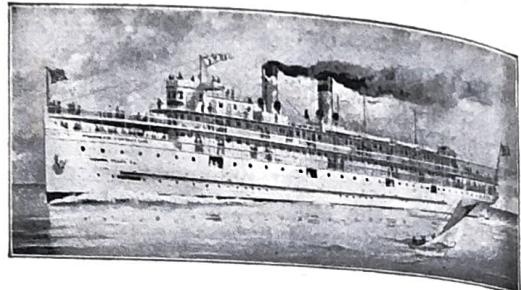
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